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TO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IC

SUBJECT: C-121 AIRCRAFT

REF: REYKJAVIK 0322

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM ROBERT ELLSWORTH, DOD/ISA. QUOTE ON 20 JUNE I INFORMED YOU THAT I HAD ASKED THE AIR FORCE TO RETAIN ITS THREE EC-121 EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT IN ICELAND UNTIL AWACS, OR A POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE, BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. I ALSO SAID I WOULD INFORM YOU FURTHER OF OUR INTENTIONS REGARDING AN EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL CAPABILITY IN ICELAND AFTER I HAD RECEIVED THE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ON ALTERNATIVES TO THE CURRENT EC-121 FORCE IN ICELAND.

3. HAVING RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED THOSE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE CURRENT EC-121 FORCE IN ICELAND ARE EITHER NOT

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MILITARILY SUITABLE OR NOT COST-EFFECTIVE. ACCORDINGLY,

THE AIR FORCE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE EC-121 FORCE IN ICELAND UNTIL THE END OF FY 1978, AT WHICH TIME AWACS IS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED TO BE AVAILABLE TO ASSUME THE MISSION.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMUNICATING THIS PLAN TO AMBASSADOR IRVING. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING HIS CONTINUING ASSESSMENT OF THE ICELANDIC ATTITUDE CONCERNING THE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL MISSION IN ICELAND. END QUOTE.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONTINUING ASSESSMENT BY EMBASSY REQUESTED IN LAST PARA OF ABOVE LETTER. EMBASSY WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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